RE: MinOQ: Emerson Blockade - Impacts on UPS Operations

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Good afternoon Julie,

Please see the response below:

> Confirming that TC does not have legislative levers in this context, and that any actions to clear the areas near/surrounding the border (in this case, at Emerson) would fall within the purview of the RCMP (in consultation with CBSA).
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> In terms of TC engagement, we can confirm that the industry associations (e.g. Canadian Trucking Alliance, Private Motor Truck Council) and unions (Teamsters Canada, which represents UPS among others) do not support blockades/protests that impede critical infrastructure, public safety and the flow of goods across the border. This messaging has been conveyed publicly by the Canadian Trucking Alliance. In our most recent discussions with Teamsters Canada yesterday they noted, anecdotally, that the majority of those involved in such activities are independent owner-operators.
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> If anything, we recommend that MinO work with the PS Minister's office.

Thank you,

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Good morning S&S and Policy,

MinO flagged the below to us:

As you may have heard there is a blockade at the Emerson crossing in Manitoba that is causing some negative impacts on UPS operations. We have two drivers who are currently stuck on the Canadian side of the border and have not been able to go pick up loads in the U.S. that need to come back into the country today. We understand that the RCMP is monitoring the situation but are not actively engaging with the blockade to help driver cross the border.

UPS is connecting with the office of the Public Safety Minister and CBSA but ***we would appreciate your guidance on how to move forward and if there is any additional government engagement we can take to resolve this blockaded, and help protect these critical supply chains*****.**

We don't believe there's anything that can be done from a TC perspective but please let us know.

Merci,

Julie

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